



## **Office of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi**

### **VOTE YES ON THE BROWN (D-OH) MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BILL**

#### ***Insist That Conferees Drop The House-Passed Provisions Turning Medicare into A Voucher Program in 2010***

Later today, Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) will offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, the Medicare Prescription Drug bill. Democratic Members are encouraged to speak during the debate on the Brown motion today and to vote YES on the motion when it is voted on next week. The Brown motion would instruct conferees to reject the House-passed privatization (“premium support”) provisions turning Medicare into a voucher in 2010.

Following are talking points on the Brown motion to instruct.

- ! Premium Support Provisions Would Turn Medicare Into A Voucher in 2010.** The House bill contains privatization (“premium support”) provisions that would turn Medicare into a voucher program – rather than a defined benefit program – in 2010, causing premiums to rise substantially for those wanting to stay in traditional Medicare. Indeed, the Chief Actuary of Medicare estimates that premiums could rise by up to 25% under the “premium support” provisions. By requiring beneficiaries to pay much more to stay in traditional Medicare, these premium support provisions would have the effect of forcing many beneficiaries to join HMOs and other private plans – since they could no longer afford to stay in traditional Medicare.
- ! Indeed, The Premium Support Provisions Were Explicitly Written to Privatize Medicare.** The premium support provisions, written by Chairman Bill Thomas, were specifically designed to privatize the entire Medicare program. Indeed, on June 25, Chairman Thomas stated exactly that: “To those who say that [the House GOP bill] would end Medicare as we know it, our answer is: We certainly hope so.”
- ! Seniors’ Organizations Strongly Oppose The Premium Support Provisions.** Seniors’ organizations strongly oppose the House-passed premium support provisions. For example, AARP has stated, “The provision that would establish a premium support structure beginning in 2010 could destabilize the traditional Medicare program and lead to much higher costs to beneficiaries. ... Rather than expand choice, this provision could limit choice by leading to substantially higher costs for beneficiaries who want to stay in the traditional Medicare program.” The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare has

stated, “We are strongly opposed to provisions in the House legislation that would require Medicare to compete against private plans, based on price, beginning in 2010. This requirement would transform Medicare from a defined benefit to a defined contribution program and ultimately result in the dismantling of Medicare as a universal entitlement.” Similarly, the Alliance for Retired Americans has stated, “The Alliance for Retired Americans opposes any effort to privatize Medicare, and the House plan does just that. Under this plan, in 2010, Medicare would become a private voucher system.”

**! Finally, The Premium Support Provisions Would Have A Particularly Severe Impact on Rural Beneficiaries.** As was explained above, under the GOP premium support provisions, millions of beneficiaries who want to stay in traditional Medicare could be required to pay much more than they do now. This would be particularly true for beneficiaries living in rural areas. Since there are fewer beneficiaries in rural areas and they tend to be older and sicker, premiums for traditional Medicare in rural areas would increase particularly dramatically, under the GOP “premium support” provisions. Hence, under the House GOP plan, seniors and disabled Americans in rural areas would have only two choices – stay in traditional Medicare and pay much more out of their own pockets, or join an HMO or other private health plan and thereby give up the choice of doctors they rely on. Furthermore, HMOs and other private plans have had a very poor record of serving seniors in rural areas. Indeed, according to the government’s own advisory board, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, only 19 percent of rural Medicare beneficiaries have the option of enrolling in a Medicare managed care plan in 2003. That contrasts with 74 percent of Medicare beneficiaries living in urban areas with an HMO option. In addition, when HMOs do serve rural areas, they tend to be unreliable. For example, in 2002, 90 percent of Medicare beneficiaries in Arkansas were dropped by their HMO.



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### **VOTE YES ON THE WOOLSEY MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON CHILD TAX CREDIT BILL**

Today, Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) will offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, the Child Tax Credit bill. Democratic Members are encouraged to speak during the debate on the Woolsey motion today and vote YES on the motion when it is voted on next week. The Woolsey motion instructs conferees to accept the bipartisan Senate-passed child tax credit bill and get the bill done.

With new data showing that incomes are down and poverty is up, Democrats are continuing to fight for passage of the expanded child tax credit to help 6.5 million working and military families. In July, the checks for the child tax credit provided in the new law were sent out. However, 6.5 million families got no check or a smaller check because House Republicans, led by Tom DeLay, are stalling passage of the Senate bill. It is time for President Bush to demonstrate leadership and insist that Majority Leader Tom DeLay and House Republicans enact tax relief for these working and military families now.

Following are talking points on the Woolsey motion to instruct.

**Democrats Are Fighting to Enhance the Child Tax Credit.** House Democrats are fighting to quickly enact the bipartisan Senate-passed tax bill to help the 12 million children that Republicans left behind in the new tax law. Nearly three months ago, on June 5, the Senate overwhelmingly passed a measure (H.R. 1308), 94 to 2, to immediately give an increased child tax credit to 6.5 million working families, including the families of 262,000 military children – families earning \$10,500 to \$26,625 that Republicans deliberately left out of their \$350 billion tax law. But House Republicans, instead of immediately passing the Senate measure, passed an \$80 billion political ploy to solve the \$3.5 billion problem of providing tax relief for these children of working and military families. As the *Washington Post* said, “But the House, where the leaders are hostile to tax credits for those who do not pay income taxes, used the opening as an excuse to pass another huge tax cut, knowing full well the Senate would never go along.” (*Washington Post*, 7/24/03)

**For the First Time in a Decade, Poverty is Up and Median Household Income is Down for Two Consecutive Years.** It is clear that more middle-income families are financially-pressed, and more families are falling into poverty as a result of our struggling economy. New Census data recently released shows that the U.S. poverty rate grew from 11.7 percent in 2001 to 12.1 percent in 2002 – with an additional 1.7 million people living in poverty. Further, median household income dropped by 1.1 percent for a second consecutive year. This marks the first time in a decade that income has dropped and poverty has increased 2 years in a row. It is an outrage that Republicans continue to block the child tax credit for

the 6.5 million working families – now for the fourth month, given the economic difficulties that America's families are facing.

**House Went on Vacation without Giving These Hard-working Families A Break.** In July, the Treasury Department sent out millions of checks for the expanded child tax credit provided in the new law, just as the House adjourned for August vacation. However, the 6.5 million hard working and military families to be helped by the Senate bill got no check or a smaller check because House GOP opposition. It is time for House Republicans to right this wrong, stop playing politics, and pass the Senate provisions.

**House Republicans Are Bogging This Tax Relief Down.** House Republicans have made it clear that they do not value these working and military families, and that there is no urgency in getting this tax relief done. Rep. Bill Thomas, the chief House tax writer, said "There are worse things than it [the child tax credit bill] not happening." (*Wall Street Journal*, 6/13/03) Regarding the Senate-passed bill, Majority Leader DeLay said, "Ain't going to happen." (*AP*, 6/10/03) And Speaker Hastert said, responding to a question about why not just take care of these families, "Because, first of all, they don't pay taxes..." (*Meet the Press*, 7/20/03) And earlier this month, Roll Call reported that Republicans said the bill it was "all but dead," as Rep. Bill Thomas was unwilling to work out the differences with the Senate. (*Roll Call*, 9/10/03) In fact, House Republicans have voted 22 times against the Senate child tax credit bill, and the conferees have not even met on the measure.

**House GOP Bill Leaves Out Help Military Families in Iraq.** There are 262,000 children of military families denied the expanded child tax credit because House Republicans are blocking passage of the Senate bill. Further, the House GOP bill contains bad news for the children of the 200,000 men and women serving in Iraq or other combat zones. It leaves in place current law – under which families will have tax increases because combat pay is not counted for purposes of the child tax credit. For example, an E-5 sergeant with 6 years of service and 2 children is paid \$29,000 a year. Generally both of his children would be entitled to the full \$1,000 tax credit; but if he goes to combat for 6 months his credit would drop to \$450 under the House bill. The Senate bill helps these military families, the House bill does not. Not only are they blocking these provisions for our military men and women, but House Republicans have held up since last year the Senate-passed H.R. 1307, the Armed Services Tax Fairness Act, providing \$835 million over ten years in tax relief for men and women serving America, as they oppose Senate provisions in that measure cracking down on those who renounce their citizenship in order to avoid U.S. taxes.

**President Bush Must Demonstrate Leadership and Insist that House Republicans and Majority Leader Tom DeLay Enact This Tax Relief Now.** At the end of July, after House members left on vacation, the President called on lawmakers to break the impasse and accept the Senate measure, saying, "They [House and Senate members have] got to resolve their differences and get it to my desk as quickly as possible so people can get additional help." (*AP*, 7/24/03) In Michigan, he said, "The child credit must be given to low-income Americans as well. I want the benefits of tax relief all across the spectrum of our society." (*Washington Post*, 7/25/03) As the *New York Times* said, "Only the President has the clout to engineer a true, less costly solution...There are 12 million deserving children in poor families that are far more likely than the affluent to immediately spend the money in the economic stimulus Mr. Bush has been promising." (*New York Times*, 7/24/03) It is time for the President to impose some compassionate conservatism on House Republicans for the sake of these hard working and military families and our

economy.

**Senate Bill Will Strengthen the Economy.** Democrats know that by putting money in the hands of all hard working Americans can we create jobs and build a strong economy. If we're going to cut taxes to stimulate the economy, let's make sure everybody benefits. The refundable child tax credit is a simple, affordable solution to put money back into these families' pockets so that they can buy the blue jeans, tennis shoes, and the school supplies they need. The added benefit was that additional consumer spending will help to bolster our economy during these tough times.

**House Republicans Should Not Saddle our Children with Even More Debt.** House Republicans are exploiting the child tax credit provision to pass even more tax cuts that will saddle our children with mountains of debt. The House GOP bill cost more than \$80 billion, while all that is needed to make sure these children and their families are treated fairly like everyone else is \$3.5 billion, and that is fully offset in the Senate bill. It is particularly reckless and irresponsible to do so knowing that this year's federal deficit will hit a record \$401 billion, and climb even further in 2004. These record GOP deficits mean families will be saddled with a debt tax averaging \$4,579 per family of four in 2011 just to pay interest on the public debt. If Congress is going to saddle these hard-working families with debt, they should not be excluded from the expansion of the child tax credit.

**Children's Defense Fund States that Hundreds of Thousands of Children of Teachers, Nurses, and Farmers are Left Behind.** Of the 12 million children left behind, 178,000 are children in farming families; 567,000 are children of nurses or orderlies; and 337,000 are children of teachers. It also disproportionately leaves behind black and Hispanic children – 2.4 million black children and 4.1 million Hispanic children.



## **Office of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi**

# **VOTE YES ON MARKEY MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003**

### ***Don't Let Conferees Weaken Anti-Terrorism Protections At Nuclear Plants***

Today, Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) will offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2003. Democratic Members are encouraged to speak during the debate on the Markey motion today and to vote YES on the motion when it is voted on next week. Republican conferees are working behind closed doors to weaken provisions passed by the House to better secure our nation's 103 nuclear power plants. Therefore, the Markey motion would instruct conferees to insist on House-passed provisions to upgrade security at nuclear power plants and improve the transportation of nuclear materials within the United States.

### ***The Markey Motion***

Specifically, the Markey motion does the following:

- ! Insists That Conferees Retain the House-Passed Provisions That Strengthen Nuclear Plant Security Procedures.** The House bill requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to issue regulations to ensure that nuclear facilities address the threat of nuclear sabotage or a terrorist attack. Republican conferees have weakened this requirement to simply allow the NRC to make any revision it feels is sufficient, based on classified orders that the Commission produced behind closed doors with the nuclear industry. This gives the NRC a green light to merely consider the interim orders it has adopted after 9/11 as adequate and take no further action. More importantly, it ignores bipartisan congressional concern that not enough has been done to strengthen protections at nuclear power plants. The possibility of suicidal terrorist attacks in multiple waves, with large truck bombs or other modern weapons or devices, is too real for our government to ignore.
- ! Insists That The NRC Consult with the Department of Homeland Security on Whether the Location or Design of a Nuclear Plant Is Sufficient to Protect the Public Against A Terrorist Attack.** Republican conferees have eliminated the House requirement that such consultation take place before a nuclear plant can receive liability insurance waivers under the Price Anderson Act. Conferees also eliminated the House requirement for consultation with the Homeland Security Department on whether the *emergency evacuation plans* are sufficient to protect the public. And they also may be eliminating the requirement for consultation with the Homeland Security Department before an existing

power plant is relicensed. Consultation is meaningless without this provision since no new nuclear plants are expected to come on line for at least a decade.

- ! **Insists on the House Position Regarding Nuclear Material Transportation Requirements.** The House bill requires the NRC to set up a more secure system for the transportation of nuclear materials into, and out of the country, as well as within the country. Republican conferees have removed the requirement for the system to better protect transportation *within* the country. In 2002, the NRC testified that there are 2 million radioactive sources in the U.S., and that each year approximately 300 are reported as lost, stolen or abandoned materials. Over the past 5 years, there have been 1,495 reports of lost materials, only half (56%) of which have been found. According to the NRC, a very small amount of radioactive material could spread low-level contamination over several city blocks. It is irresponsible to not ensure that domestic transfers of radioactive materials - as well as imports and exports - are subject to heightened security requirements.

### ***Talking Points on the Markey Motion***

The following are talking points on why Democrats should vote for the Markey motion.

- ! **Republicans Are Bowing to Lobbying by Nuclear Utility Industry.** Instead of working to improve security against the threat of terrorism at our most sensitive nuclear power plants, Republican conferees have bowed to the nuclear utility industry's long-standing opposition to stronger anti-terrorism security procedures. The new draft by the conferees would weaken national security by deleting House-passed language that requires a new rule on the transportation of nuclear materials within the country, and weakens House-passed language that requires an NRC rulemaking to upgrade nuclear security at nuclear power plants.
- ! **It Is Astonishing That Conferees Are Retreating From House-Passed Provisions to Enhance Security of Nuclear Facilities.** It is truly astonishing that the conferees are retreating from the clear, consistent position of the House that procedures and systems of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) must be improved to protect the health and safety of the American people. The House has voted twice (H.R. 6 this year, and H.R. 2983, the Price-Anderson Reauthorization bill, last Congress) to require the NRC to take these specific steps to strengthen anti-terrorist protections at nuclear power plants.
- ! **The Conferees' Position Is Particularly Astonishing Since Nuclear Power Plants Remain Key Al Qaeda Targets.** The security of nuclear power plants is critically important to our national security since they remain at the top of the list of Al Qaeda targets. Just two years ago, in his State of the Union speech, President Bush warned that blueprints for nuclear power plants had been found in the caves of Afghanistan. At that time, President Bush warned, "*Our discoveries in Afghanistan confirmed our worst fears, and showed us the true scope of the task ahead. We have seen the depth of our enemies' hatred in videos, where they laugh about the loss of innocent life. And the depth of their hatred is equalled by the madness of the destruction they design.*" Despite the President's warnings, the Republican energy conferees have now decided to weaken nuclear security legislation previously adopted by the House.



## MEDIA RELEASE

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# HOYER CONDEMNS DIVISIVE COMMENTS BY MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER

**WASHINGTON, DC – House Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released the following statement criticizing the anti-Semitic comments made by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad at the Organization of Islamic Conference on October 16. Hoyer, Majority Whip Roy Blunt (MO) and Reps. Shelley Berkley (D-NV) and Eric Cantor (R-VA) introduced a Resolution today condemning Prime Minister Mohammad's comments:**

“Prime Minister Mohammad reportedly said that ‘the Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million. But today, the Jews rule the world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them.’ He added that ‘they [meaning Jews] have now gained control of the most powerful countries, and they, this tiny community, have become a world power.’ And throughout his remarks, he refers to Jews as ‘the enemy.’

“These anti-Semitic comments are not simply outrageous and untrue, they were truly toxic. It is imperative that we publicly and strongly reject scurrilous, hateful comments such as these that have no basis in fact and that only serve to foment an unadulterated, destructive lie.

“What is perhaps more disturbing than one man's malignant invective, and his ignorance of the Jewish people's persecution today and throughout history, is the fact that he received a standing ovation from the leaders of many Muslim nations. That is simply unacceptable. As far as I'm concerned, agreeing with or acquiescing in such religious and ethnic bigotry is every bit as dangerous as an incitement to it. And neither the incitement nor the acquiescence should go unchallenged in the civilized world.

“Intolerance based on one's religious beliefs, ethnicity and race is a poison that has coursed throughout the body of human history – and it has caused untold suffering, pain and strife. The elected representatives of the strongest and freest nation on earth have a responsibility to expose and combat such intolerance and prejudice wherever it rears its head.”

*The resolution is expected to be debated on the House Floor on Tuesday, October 28.*

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **GOP'S FAA-NIMBY SYNDROME:**

*Republicans Show Once Again They Don't Want  
Private Air Traffic Control Towers in Their Districts*

**WASHINGTON, DC – House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (MD) today released the following statement in response to a press report in *Aviation Daily* that House Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Mica is going to remove air traffic control towers in Republican districts from the privatization list in order to buy off votes for the FAA Reauthorization Conference Report:**

“House Transportation Committee Chairman Don Young already exempted his home state towers from privatization, in a clear indication of his preference for federal control of air traffic control towers. Now Chairman Mica is making it obvious that many Republicans share the ‘not-in-my-backyard’ mentality when it comes to forcing privatization on air travelers.

“If privatizing towers makes them safer, why would Chairman Mica ‘punish’ Democratic members for their lack of support for the conference report by leaving them with the only privatized towers? This action demonstrates that the GOP doesn’t believe their own rhetoric that privatization increases safety.

“I hope that this political charade will soon come to an end. Republican members should stand up to the White House, follow the will of both the House and Senate expressed in the bills passed earlier this year, and pass a conference report that prohibits privatization of air traffic control and protects the safety of air travelers.”

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# **URGENT NEWS ADVISORY**

## **Action Imminent on Privatization of Air Traffic Controllers**

### ***Congressional Leaders Say Measure Would Reduce Air Passengers' Safety***

Memo to: Editorial writers, columnists, reporters

Memo from: House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (MD) and Ranking Democrat on the House Transportation Committee James Oberstar (MN)

Re: Editorial Opposition to Air Traffic Control Privatization in the FAA Reauthorization Conference Report

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Both chambers of Congress will soon consider the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization conference report, which currently contains a provision to privatize Air Traffic Controllers in 69 towers (see attached list) around the country. The House Republican Leadership is currently struggling to gather enough votes to pass this controversial legislation this week, but consideration may be delayed.

### **GOP Leaders Add Privatization Language Despite Strong Bipartisan Opposition**

This is traditionally a bipartisan bill, and when the House and Senate passed their respective FAA reauthorization bills (H.R. 2115; S. 824), both chambers included a prohibition on the privatization of the air traffic control system because of concerns for air safety. In response, the White House issued a Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) declaring that it would veto the conference report if it included that prohibition.

At the behest of the White House, House Transportation Committee Chairman Don Young (R-AK) defied bipartisan tradition and congressional precedent, and inserted in conference a provision allowing the FAA to privatize air traffic control at 69 Visual Flight Rule towers and shielding the air traffic control system from privatization only until 2007. This action runs counter to the precedent of conferees seeing a draft report of changes and having an opportunity to negotiate. To add insult to injury, Chairman Young exempted small airports in Alaska from the very provision he inserted.

Consequently, no House or Senate Democrat signed the conference report, in protest against these measures that would undermine aviation security and weaken the airline industry and workers.

### **Privatization Puts Air Travelers at Risk**

Democratic leaders are opposed to these actions on grounds of both policy and process. Abandoning a historically bipartisan process, language that was earlier agreed upon by both the House and Senate was changed during conference, without Democratic support or input.

But more importantly, these changes will put American air travelers at risk. Air traffic control is a critical national safety function and therefore it is an essentially government function. It should be performed by the government, which can maintain universal, comprehensive oversight, just as it does with nuclear reactors and the military. Unlike private companies, the government is not constantly looking at how to cut costs and fatten the bottom line. The government always puts safety first.

Air traffic remains a prime target of terrorists and serious vulnerabilities persist, from unscreened cargo on commercial aircraft to shoulder-fired missiles. The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, recently released a report on U.S. aviation security that declared "vulnerabilities remain." Why would Congress voluntarily create one more?

Ironically, the White House and Republican leaders tout major improvements in airport security over the past two years since the 9/11 attacks, but federalizing the baggage screener work force was the major improvement that made air travelers safer. Now, they are pushing the exact opposite approach for air traffic control.

### **Industry and Consumer Groups Oppose Privatization**

Numerous groups oppose privatizing Air Traffic Control, including the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, the Air Line Pilots Association, International, the Association of Flight Attendants, Consumers Union, Public Citizen, the US Public Research Group, and the AFL-CIO.

National Air Traffic Controllers Association President John Carr said, "The public has rejected the notion of putting air traffic control up for sale to the lowest bidder. The Administration needs to stop holding critical airport improvement programs hostage and drop its misguided threat to veto this bill over privatization." The Association of Flight Attendants says, "In the final late night hours of negotiations, meddling by the White House and the Congressional Republican leadership undermined the bipartisan cooperation in Congress on this legislation and resulted in a dangerous and controversial bill that all of organized labor, including AFA, is working to defeat. The bill sets a number of dangerous precedents that must be stopped."

Even Republicans were displeased with the action of their leadership. U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk (R-IL), said there is little support among his colleagues for privatization. "Private companies are in the business to make money," he said. *"They cut staff, they cut resources and they cut security guards. We shouldn't mix the bottom line with safety [emphasis added]."*

### **Time is Running Out to Stop Privatization**

The House Republican leadership has stated that they are planning to bring the FAA reauthorization conference report up for a vote as soon as this week. We urge you to write an editorial against inclusion of language to privatize Air Traffic Control in that conference report.

It's clear that the impact of this decision will increase the vulnerability of our air travel system and will have serious consequences for the safety of millions. We hope you agree that this bill is a huge step in the wrong direction, and that your readers should understand the implications of this legislation.

Should you have any questions concerning this legislation, please contact Stacey Farnen of Congressman Hoyer's staff at (202) 225-3130, or Jim Berard of Congressman Jim Oberstar's staff at (202) 225-6211. Thank you for your consideration.

## **FAA Reauthorization Conference Report**

The House will soon consider (as early as this Wednesday) the Conference Report on the Federal Aviation Administration bill, H.R. 2115.

Traditionally, the FAA reauthorization bill is a bipartisan bill that has the overwhelming support of Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle. Regrettably, this Congress, the Republicans have used this bill to ram controversial, special-interest provisions through the Conference Committee. Moreover, the Republicans provided Democrats no opportunity to review or offer amendments to any of the controversial provisions included in the Conference Report. Indeed, the Conference Committee never even voted on any of the controversial provisions included in the Report. As a result, for the first time ever, no House or Senate Democrat signed the FAA Reauthorization Conference Report, and Ranking Member Oberstar is strongly opposed to the Conference Report.

### **Controversial provisions in the Republican FAA Reauthorization Conference Report undermine aviation safety and security and weaken the strength of the airline industry and its workers.**

- **Republicans Seek to Privatize the Air Traffic Control System.** The Conference Report allows the FAA to begin to systematically dismantle our Nation's air traffic control system and turn it over to the private sector. Under the Republican Conference Report, the FAA could immediately privatize air traffic control operations at 69 named airport control towers, including 11 towers that are among the top 50 busiest towers in the Nation, and 18 towers that are served by commercial airlines. Significantly, the Alaska delegation protected two towers in their state, which were on the original list, from privatization. Beginning in 2007, the FAA could proceed to privatize the whole system. In addition, the FAA could immediately privatize Flight Service Station personnel as well as systems specialists and technicians responsible for certifying the systems and equipment used in the National Airspace System.
- **Republicans Gut Anti-Terrorism Training for Flight Attendants.** The Conference Report includes a provision making discretionary the existing mandatory requirements in the Homeland Security Act of 2002 that the Transportation Security Agency issue security and anti-terrorism training guidelines for our Nation's flight attendants. In the

face of the continuing heightened security alert in the airline industry, this provision would potentially rollback terrorism training for flight crews.

- **Republicans Allow Foreign Airlines to Raid U.S. Marketplaces.**  
The Conference Report undermines a cornerstone of our aviation policy by allowing foreign airlines to carry cargo between cities in Alaska and other cities in the United States. Since the beginning of commercial aviation, the United States and most other countries have reserved aviation traffic within their borders for home country airlines. This long-standing policy enhances national security, as well as competition policy.

**REPUBLICANS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE PRIVATIZATION  
OF 69 FAA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWERS**

(sec. 230 of Conference Report on H.R. 2115, Vision 100)

*July 25, 2003*

STATE	AIRPORT	REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR
AK	Anchorage/Merrill Field	Rep. Don Young (R-At Large) Sen. Ted Stevens (R) Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R)
AK	Juneau International	Rep. Don Young (R-At Large) Sen. Ted Stevens (R) Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R)
AZ	Grand Canyon Municipal	Rep. Rick Renzi (R-1) Sen. John McCain (R) Sen. Jon Kyl (R)
AZ	Mesa/Falcon Field	Rep. Jeff Flake (R-6) Sen. John McCain (R) Sen. Jon Kyl (R)
AZ	Phoenix-Deer Valley Municipal	Rep. John B. Shadegg (R-3) Sen. John McCain (R) Sen. Jon Kyl (R)
AZ	Prescott/EA Love Field	Rep. Rick Renzi (R-1) Sen. John McCain (R) Sen. Jon Kyl (R)
AZ	Scottsdale	Rep. J. D. Hayworth (R-5) Sen. John McCain (R) Sen. Jon Kyl (R)
CA	Camarillo	Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-24) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Carlsbad/McClellan	Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-50) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Chino	Rep. Gary G. Miller (R-42) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Concord/Buchanan Field	Rep. George Miller (D-7) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	El Monte	Rep. Hilda L. Solis (D-32) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Hayward Air Terminal	Rep. Fortney Pete Stark (D-13) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)

STATE	AIRPORT	REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR
CA	La Verne/Bracket Field	Rep. David Dreier (R-26) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Livermore Municipal	Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-10) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Long Beach/Daugherty	Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-37) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Napa County	Rep. Mike Thompson (D-1) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Palo Alto	Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D-14) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Sacramento International	Rep. Doug Ose (R-3) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	San Diego/Gillespie Field	Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-52) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	San Diego/Montgomery	Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-52) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	San Jose/Reid-Hillview	Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-16) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Santa Monica Municipal	Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-30) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Santa Rosa Sonoma	Rep. Lynn C. Woolsey (D-6) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Torrance/Zamperini Field	Rep. Jane Harman (D-36) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CA	Van Nuys	Rep. Brad Sherman (D-27) Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
CO	Denver/Centennial	Rep. Thomas G. Tancredo (R-6) Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R) Sen. Wayne Allard (R)
CO	Denver/Jeffco	Rep. Mark Udall (D-2) Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R) Sen. Wayne Allard (R)



STATE	AIRPORT	REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR
DE	Wilmington/New Castle	Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-At Large) Sen. Joseph R. Biden, Jr., (D) Sen. Thomas R. Carper (D)
FL	Fort Lauderdale Executive	Rep. Alcee L. Hastings (D-23) Sen. Bob Graham (D) Sen. Bill Nelson (D)
FL	Fort Pierce	Rep. Alcee L. Hastings (D-23) Sen. Bob Graham (D) Sen. Bill Nelson (D)
FL	Miami/Kendall-Tamiami	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-25) Sen. Bob Graham (D) Sen. Bill Nelson (D)
FL	Orlando Executive	Rep. Ric Keller (R-8) Sen. Bob Graham (D) Sen. Bill Nelson (D)
FL	Orlando Sanford	Rep. John L. Mica (R-7) Sen. Bob Graham (D) Sen. Bill Nelson (D)
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**FROM REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES B. RANGEL**  
**Ranking Democrat, Committee on Ways and Means**  
**AND REPRESENTATIVE BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**  
**Ranking Democrat, Committee on Ways and Means**  
**Subcommittee on Human Resources**

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## **HOUSE DEMOCRATS PUSH FOR AN EXTENSION IN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

*Reps. Rangel, Cardin, Levin Lead Effort to Extend Benefits for  
Unemployed Workers Before Congress Adjourns*

WASHINGTON – Congressmen Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD), and Sander M. Levin (D-MI) today introduced legislation to extend unemployment benefits for dislocated workers before the House of Representatives adjourns as scheduled on Oct. 31.

Their bill would continue the extended benefits program for an additional six months, increase the amount of benefits to 26 weeks, include coverage for roughly one million workers who have already exhausted their extended benefits, and expand unemployment insurance coverage for low-wage and part-time workers. The current program is scheduled to prohibit new enrollees starting Dec. 28 (when Congress will be out of session).

Rep. Rangel, who is the leading Democrat on the Committee on Ways and Means, highlighted the need for the bill.

“ President Bush’s economic policies have failed. The Administration’s preoccupation with Iraq and its massive tax cuts for the wealthy have done nothing to preserve jobs here in America. As a result, we have seen a steady pattern of job losses over the last two years. The least we can do is extend basic assistance to those Americans who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own,” Rep. Rangel said.

“Last year, the Republicans left town before extending unemployment benefits – leaving millions of jobless Americans to worry and wonder over the Christmas holiday. If the Republicans have any compassion left at all, they will help us prevent that from happening again,” said Rep. Rangel.

Rep. Cardin, who is the leading Democrat on the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources (which oversees the unemployment insurance program), declared, “We have \$20 billion in the Federal Unemployment Trust Funds to help laid off workers. We should use some of that money to help struggling families. Every day we wait, we risk not getting this done before Congress leaves town.”

Noting that unemployment data for the month of September is due out on Friday, Rep. Cardin continued by saying, “The important thing to keep in mind is the record-level of job loss in our economy over the last 2-1/2 years. During that time, we have lost 3.3 million private sector jobs with about 200,000 of those jobs lost in the last four months alone. The unemployment rate is higher today (6.1%) than it was in January (5.7%).

“The unemployed are looking for work, but they simply can’t find employment. In fact, according to data from the Department of Labor, there are more than three unemployed workers looking for every available job,” Rep. Cardin said.

Rep. Levin, a senior member on the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources added: “Over the last two years, median income and health insurance coverage have declined, poverty has risen, and the economy has lost over 3 million jobs. Congress cannot in good conscience adjourn for the year without making sure that millions of workers unemployed through no fault of their own continue to receive help while they search for work.”

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